

John 5 Pt 2 vv 24-47 Come to Me

Jesus

III. Jesus Calls the Dead to Life

24 "Most assuredly, I say to you, he who **hears My word and believes in Him** who sent Me **has everlasting life**, and shall **not come into judgment**, but has **passed from death into life**.

Hear My Word. Believe My Father.
Receive Everlasting Life. Never be Judged for Sin.

John 3:16 For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have **everlasting life**. 17 For God did **not** send His Son into the world **to condemn the world**, but that the world through Him might be saved.

Hear and Believe
Receive Everlasting Life. Never Judged for Sin

25 Most assuredly, I say to you, the hour is coming, and now is, when the **dead will hear the voice of the Son of God**; and **those who hear will live**. 26 For as the Father has **life in Himself**, so He has granted the Son to have **life in Himself**

Jesus has Life in Himself to Give
Jesus is Able to Call the Dead to Life

John 11:21 [Jesus friend Lazarus is dead] Now Martha [his sister] said to Jesus, "Lord, if You had been here, my brother would not have died. 22 But even now I know that whatever You ask of God, God will give You." 23 Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." 24 Martha said to Him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection at the last day." 25 Jesus said to her, "**I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live.**" 26 And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die. **43b ...He cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come forth!"** 44 And **he who had died came out.**

Jesus has the Authority over Death
Jesus has the Ability to give Life
Jesus has the Authorization to Judge man

27 [The Father has...] given Him authority to **execute judgment also, because He is the Son of Man.**

Jesus judges every man with perfect judgment employing His intimate knowledge of every human by 1) His omniscient Spirit, 2) being our Creator, and 3) by His personal experience as a man during His incarnation. IOW The Son of Man has been given authority and is qualified to judge all men utilizing His firsthand knowledge of humanity and the human condition when He *became a man, lived as a man, was tempted as a man* and died as a man. Thus Jesus can and will judge every man with perfect and impartial judgment. [NJC]

IOWs We can never say Jesus does not know what we're going through

- Two Judgments at which Jesus will preside:
 1. **Bema Seat of Christ:** Reward or Loss for Believers
 2. **White Throne Judgment:** Judged by works for degrees of Hell

28 Do not **marvel** at this...

- Jesus Speaking to the accusatory Religious Jews
- Not keeping Sabbath/Making Himself equal w/God the Father...

28b ...for the hour is coming in which all who are in the **graves** will hear His voice 29 and come forth—those who have done **good**, to the resurrection of **life**, and those who have done **evil**, to the resurrection of **condemnation**.

Daniel 12:2 And many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, **Some to everlasting life, Some to shame and everlasting contempt.**

- **All who are in the graves:** Body in Grave/Soul in Hades or Heaven

2 Corinthians 5:6 [Believers] So we are always confident, knowing that while we are at home in the body we are absent from the Lord. For we walk by faith, not by sight. We are confident, yes, well pleased rather **to be absent from the body and to be present with the Lord.**

First Resurrection: Believers. Ongoing since Jesus resurrection as 1st Fruits

1. Saints that rose from the grave as Jesus died
 2. Jesus rescuing OT Saints from Paradise to Heaven
 3. Bodies resurrected at the Rapture to united w/souls
 4. The Millenium saints who were martyred during the tribulation
- **Second Resurrection:** All Unbelievers at the end of the 1000 yr Reign of Christ

Revelation 20:4 [First Resurrection: Born Twice Die Once]: And I saw thrones, and they sat on them, and judgment was committed to them. Then I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded for their witness to Jesus and for the word of God, who had not worshiped the beast or his image, and had not received his mark on their foreheads or on their hands. And they lived and reigned with Christ for a thousand years. 5 But the rest of the dead did not live again until the thousand years were finished. This is the **first resurrection**. 6 Blessed and holy is he who has part in the first resurrection. Over such the second death has no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with Him a thousand years.

Revelation 20:11[Second Resurrection: Born Once Die Twice] Then I saw a great white throne and Him who sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away. And there was found no place for them. 12 And I saw the dead, small and great, standing before God, and books were opened. And another book was opened, which is the Book of Life. And the dead were judged according to their works, by the things which were written in the books. 13 The sea gave up the dead who were in it, and Death and Hades delivered up the dead who were in them. And **they were judged, each one according to his works**. 14 Then Death and Hades were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. 15 And anyone not found written in the Book of Life was cast into the lake of fire.

- **V 29 Summary:** Everyone will live Eternally

Those who *do Good* Resurrected to Eternal Life
Those who *do Evil* Resurrected to Eternal Condemnation?

- **Whole of Scripture:** Saved by Grace not good works

This does not mean that salvation is on the basis of good works, for this very Gospel makes it plain over and over again that men enter eternal life when they believe on Jesus Christ. But the lives they live form the test of the faith they profess." [Morris]

No one can do any eternal good w/out being Born Again

Romans 3:10 As it is written: "**There is none righteous, no, not one 12b ...There is none who does good, no, not one.**"

Mark 10:18 So Jesus said to him, "Why do you call Me good? **No one is good but One, that is, God.**

Either Jesus is Good and is God, or...He is not Good therefore not God, but...
If Jesus is Good...Then Jesus is God

- **Those that have done good?** Saved led by the Holy Spirit/God through us
- **Those that have done evil?** Unserved led by the world, flesh, devil

Both the good and evil were invited to the wedding feast. Only those who were not wearing wedding clothes provided by the Father were cast out. We enter in with His righteousness alone; i.e. the good works He does through us as we yield to His Spirit. [NJC]

vv 28-29 All will live Eternally/All will Hear Jesus Voice at Death

- Well done Good and Faithful Servant or...
- Depart from Me into Everlasting Punishment I never knew you

30 I can of Myself do nothing. As I hear, I judge; and My judgment is righteous, because I do not seek My own will but the will of the Father who sent Me.

Jesus does only what He sees the Father do
Not My will but Your will be done

IV. Witnesses of Truth

31 "If I bear witness of Myself, My witness is not true 32 There is another who bears witness of Me, and I know that the witness which He witnesses of Me is true. **33 You have sent to John, and he has borne witness to the truth.**

Jews would require the witness of at least two for a thing to be true
Jesus gives Five who Bear Witness of His Person/Authority

- **First Witness:** Jesus Himself
- **Second Witness:** John the Baptist

He who comes after me is preferred before me, for He was before me.
Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!
I have seen and testified that this is the Son of God. J the B

34 Yet I do not receive testimony from man, but I say these things that you may be saved.

- Parenthetical break in talking about John...

To the accusing religious Jews: I'm taking time to explain these things
...that you may be saved

Matthew 5:44 [Jesus our example] I say to you, **love your enemies**, bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you, and pray for those who spitefully use you and persecute you, 45 that you may be sons of your Father in heaven

35 [Back to John] was the burning and shining lamp, and you were willing for a time to rejoice in his light.

- **John was?** John in Jail or Dead at this point: His work is finished...
- **Was a Burning Light/Shining Lamp:** You were drawn to him...
 1. I saw you there at the Jordan listening to John preach Word...
 2. I watched as you tasted of the goodness of God...

Psalms 34: 8 Oh, **taste and see** that the Lord is good; Blessed is the man who trusts in Him!

1 Peter 2:1 [put away your sin] if indeed you have **tasted that the Lord is gracious.**

- **John told you to repent then pointed you to Me:**

1. Did you taste/Yet not believe?
2. Better if you stayed home...

2 Peter 2:21 For it would have been **better for them not to have known the way of righteousness**, than **having known it, to turn from** the holy commandment delivered to them. 22 But it has happened to them according to the true proverb: "A dog returns to his own vomit," and, "a sow, **having washed, to her wallowing in the mire.**"

36 But I have a greater witness than John's; for the works which the Father has given Me to finish—the very works that I do—bear witness of Me, that the Father has sent Me.

- Witnesses that Jesus is who He claimed to be
 1. Jesus Himself
 2. John the Baptist...No miracle or signs
 3. Miracles/Signs [works] bear witness He is from the Father

Matthew 11:5 [Are you the Christ?] "Go and tell John the things which you hear and see: 5 The blind see and the lame walk; the lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear; the dead are raised up and the poor have the **gospel preached to them.**

I'm doing what Messiah was prophesied to do in the OT

Isaiah 35:5 Then the **eyes of the blind shall be opened**, And the ears of the deaf shall be unstopped. 6 Then the lame shall leap like a deer, And the tongue of the dumb sing.

Prophesied Works of Messiah
Miracles and Preaching

Isaiah 61:1 "The Spirit of the Lord God is upon Me, Because the Lord has anointed Me To **preach good tidings to the poor**; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, To proclaim liberty to the captives, And the opening of the prison to those who are bound...

- Setting people free physical infirmities, blind see, deaf hear, lame walk
 - **Greater Works:** Setting people free from sin, death, devil and hell
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| 1. Jesus Himself | I Am God |
| 2. John the Baptist | He is the Lamb of God/Savior of the World |
| 3. His Works | Miracles/Preaching the Messiah prophesied to do |

I'm doing works which the Father gave Me to finish
The works I'm doing bear witness of Me/That the Father has sent Me.

v32 But there is another who bears witness of Me...**God the Father**

37 And the Father Himself, who sent Me, has testified of Me.

Fourth Witness

God the Father Testifies to the Person/Authority of Jesus

Psalms 2:7 [NT Declaration by God prophesied in OT] "I will declare the decree: The Lord has said to Me, '**You are My Son**, Today I have begotten You. 8 Ask of Me, and I will give You The nations for Your inheritance..."

Luke 3:21 [After Jesus baptized] ...He prayed, the heaven was opened. 22 And the Holy Spirit descended in bodily form like a dove upon Him, and a voice came from heaven which said, "**You are My beloved Son; in You I am well pleased.**"

Matthew 17:5 [Transfiguration] While he was still speaking, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them; and suddenly a voice came out of the cloud, saying, "**This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. Hear Him!**"

Jesus speaking to the religious leaders who want to kill Him...
Those who claim to know/worship the Father

37b...You have neither heard [the Father's] voice at any time, nor seen [the Father's] form. 38 But you do not have His word abiding in you, because whom He sent, Him you do not believe.

- **Your religious people and yet...**

1. You've never heard God
2. You've never seen God
3. You've never had God's Word dwelling in you...why?

A. Because you don't believe in Jesus, the One the Father Sent
IOWs You don't believe you need a Savior

The distance between you/God has never been gapped
Now you're treating the only Bridge to God with Scorn

- **Ignorant:** You don't know ...

1. ...who you're talking to
2. ...who you're mocking
3. ...the danger you're in

Because you don't believe Me
The One who holds your Eternal Destiny in His hands

- 4/5 Testimonies/Witnesses for Jesus being from the Father

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| 1. Jesus Himself | I AM God |
| 2. John the Baptist | He is the Lamb of God |
| 3. Works | He does the work of God |
| 4. Father | He is My beloved Son...Listen to him |

39 You search the Scriptures, for in them you think you have eternal life; and these are they which testify of Me.

Fifth and Final Witness: The Word of God

- You study the Old Testament
- You believe the knowing Scripture is Eternal Life
- Yet...The Bible speaks of Me from cover to cover...

40 But you are *not willing to come* to Me *that you may have life*.

- You are searching Scripture/looking for Messiah and I'm right here

Hebrews 10:7 Then I said, 'Behold, I have come— In the volume of the book it is written of Me— To do Your will, O God.' "

Every Cult, Ism and Religion
Search the Scriptures/Study the Word/Don't know God

- **Not willing to come to Jesus?** Talk about. Ponder. Never come in humility

2 Timothy 3:7 ...always learning and never able to come to the **knowledge of the truth.**

- **How do we "come to Jesus"?** In humility...as a child

1. Admit you are a sinner
2. Humble yourself before the Holy One
3. Lose your life in exchange for Mine
4. Let go of religion to come to ME

▪ **Five-fold witnesses:** Who Jesus is/Authority Jesus has

1. **Jesus Himself:** I am equal to the Father and to honored the same
2. **John the Baptist:** Lamb who takes away the sin of the world
3. **Works:** Prophesied Messiah would heal physically and Spiritually
4. **Father:** This is My beloved Son...Listen to Him
5. **Word of God:** Written in the volume of the book beginning with skin

Jesus continues to take His time w/those who seek to kill Him...

41 "I do not receive honor from men.

I do not stand in need of you or your testimony. I act neither through self-interest nor vanity. Your salvation can add nothing to me, nor can your destruction injure me: I speak only through my love for your souls, that you may be saved. [Clarke]

▪ **Till the end:** Forgive them Father for they know not what they do

42 But I know you, that you do not have the love of God in you.

Because you have no love of God, you will be deceived...

43 I have come in My Father's name, and you do not receive Me; if another comes in his own name, him you will receive.

2 Thessalonians 2:9 The coming of the lawless one is according to the working of Satan, with all power, signs, and lying wonders, 10 and with all unrighteous deception among those who perish, because **they did not receive the love of the truth**, that they might be saved. 11 And for this reason God will send them strong delusion, that they should believe the lie, 12 that they all may be condemned **who did not believe the truth** but had pleasure in unrighteousness.

▪ Why have the Jews been deceived for 2000+ yrs?

1. Did not receive the love of the Truth
2. Did not believe the Truth when they heard
3. Did take pleasure in unrighteousness

How can you receive the Truth/Love of God when...

- **One Hand:** Spew venom/Mock those who speak truth?
- **Other Hand:** Seek love/admiration from sinners for your sinful behavior?

44 How can you believe, who receive honor from one another, and do not seek the honor that comes from the only God?

Seeking honor for ourselves hinders our belief in God
Fear of God is clean. Fear of man a snare

- **Religious Jews:** Masters of our own destiny/Captains of our own Ship

We keep the Law. We know the Scripture. We are good people. Seeking to kill?
No...You're Proudful Egotistical Self-Righteous God-Haters

45 Do not think that I shall accuse you to the Father; there is one who accuses you—**Moses**, in whom you trust. 46 For if you believed Moses, you would believe Me; for he **wrote about Me**. 47 But if you do not believe his writings, **how will you believe My words?"**

Accusation of Moses? You *do not* keep the Law

Deuteronomy 27:26 'Cursed is the one who does not confirm **all the words of this law** by observing them.'

James 2:10 ...whoever shall keep the whole law, and **yet stumble in one point**, he is guilty of all.

Galatians 3:13 Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law, having **become a curse for us** (for it is written, "Cursed is everyone who hangs on a tree") [Became sin 2 Cor 5:2] **14b...that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.**

Only Jesus saves...

Stop trusting in ourselves/Drop our pretenses of being a good person and...

Lay our sin at Jesus feet

Praise Him as He casts our sin as far as the East is from the West!

Hebrews 3:7 ... as the Holy Spirit says: "**Today**, if you will hear His voice, 8 **Do not harden your hearts** ...

May those that are Dead in Sin Hear the Voice of Jesus and Live

2 Corinthians 6:2b ...Behold, now is the accepted time; behold **now is the day of salvation.**